

## CURRENT TOPICS IN WESTERLY

**Change of Vote Returns Stonington to Republican Column—  
Majority For License a Surprise—Westerly Catholic  
Club Holds Annual Meeting—Awning Fire Probably  
Caused by Cigarette Carelessly Thrown—Republican  
Committees Organize.**

The town of Stonington has been restored to the republican column by the people of the board of selectmen. Stable in the village and Pawcatuck and Wilcox of Mystic. The minority member is Holdridge of Mystic. This means that William H. Casey, deposed as patrolman by the democratic board of selectmen, can be reinstated to that place in Pawcatuck for the asking, but it is understood that he will not accept the place, unless through pressure of the appointing power. His duties as deputy sheriff and his business interests have so increased since he ceased to be patrolman that he is not seeking reappointment.

A year ago when Casey was released from police patrol duty, Selectman Chesbro of Pawcatuck was of the democratic majority, but favored the change. His action was approved by a few democrats, but the majority of the people of the village favored the retention of Casey in recognition of his many years of faithful service, though they bore no ill will against Patrolman Keegan, his successor. When Selectman Chesbro handed Mr. Casey the note of dismissal, Casey remarked that public opinion on the action would be given when the selectman was a candidate for re-election. Mr. Chesbro was defeated at the election Monday, although he was elected a representative to the state legislature two years ago and is a candidate for re-nomination. Casey did not do it all, but he helped, just a little.

The town of Stonington also voted to return to the liquor license column and by a majority of about 200, so large that it came as a surprise to even the most sanguine adherents of the open saloon. Even the village of Pawcatuck, which in former years, with the aid of Mystic, the Head of the River, and Road districts, polled votes sufficient to overcome the large license vote of Stonington borough, voted for license Monday by a majority of 94. For nearly a quarter of a century the village of Pawcatuck has voted against license and with the assistance of the other districts except Stonington, has permitted only intermittent legal sale of liquor in the town. On Monday, not only Pawcatuck, but Mystic as well, fell in line with Stonington and overcame the vote in the other two districts on the license question. Usually when license did prevail it was by a close margin vote. The town has at times, voted in favor of no-license by 300 majority, and the vote of Monday for license is said to be the largest ever polled.

There were licenses granted for Pawcatuck the year before last, to Messrs. Keleher, Mahoney, Cella, Halpin, Tattersall and Neville. One of these is now deceased, and probably not more than two will be among the applicants for liquor license. There was an unsuccessful effort made at that time to locate saloons in the vicinity of St. Michael's church and school, but the county commissioners recognized the justice of the protests, and decided that the saloons must be located in the business section of the village, where they would be within police patrol supervision. So it is believed the same ruling will prevail when liquor licenses for the ensuing year are issued.

This is in marked contrast to the conditions which prevail in Westerly, which went license for a first time two years ago. With the exception of the Martin house saloon and the Dixon house bar, all licensed liquor dealers in the village, with the exception of one on Quarry hill, are located between the tracks of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad Co. and the Pawcatuck river. The licenses for two hotels at Watch hill are not included and they are the only licensed places in the Second district of the town of Westerly.

By population, the town is entitled to eighteen licenses, and the full number was issued by the town council at \$700 each, \$350 more than is paid for license in Pawcatuck, just across the bridge in Connecticut. The license question will be voted on at the November election in Westerly. Hereafter, the license question will be voted upon biennially. Therefore, should the voters of Westerly favor license at the coming election, it will mean two years' license instead of one.

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though the actual issuing of licenses would be annually and under the same conditions as prevail at present.

The annual meeting of the Westerly Catholic club was largely attended, and the reports of the officers and board of managers showed the organization to be in excellent condition. Plans were made for special entertainments along the same lines of those of last winter and a season of pleasure is anticipated by the members. These officers were elected for the ensuing year: Dr. Michael H. Scanlon, president; Judge John W. Sweeney, first vice president; Edward Fencion, second vice president; Charles J. Butler, financial secretary; James Collins, treasurer; Rev. Peter McOscar, spiritual director. Dr. John M. O'Connell, Charles E. St. Onge and Joseph A. Daley were elected to the board of managers for three years. The board of managers will elect a recording secretary.

While Chief of Police Brown was on duty in Dixon square a few minutes before midnight Monday he saw a blaze up High street in front of the Barber Memorial building, which was damaged by fire a few years ago. He sent in the fire alarm from box 55 in the square and then ran to the fire.

It was in the awning in front of the John T. Edmond store. Chief Brown, with the aid of Policeman Ferguson, tore the awning down and extinguished the blaze before the arrival of fire apparatus. Within ten minutes after the alarm was sounded Chief Engineer Cottrell sent in the recall. It is believed that a lighted cigarette snapped on the awning by a careless smoker caused the blaze.

The town and district republican committees have organized and decided upon the recommendation of candidates to the caucuses that are to be held Thursday evening. The town committee organized by the election of William Clark chairman, Arthur L. Perry secretary, and Dr. John M. O'Connell, treasurer. It was decided to recommend the nomination of Louis W. Arnold for senator.

Charles F. Berry was chosen chairman of the First district committee, and George B. Utter secretary. The committee endorsed Joseph T. Murphy as district candidate for representative.

William Clark was voted chairman of the Second district and Arthur Perry secretary. This district committee decided to recommend the nomination of Albert H. Langworthy as candidate for representative from the Second district.

Mrs. Maude E. Baker of Norwich, assistant inspector department of Connecticut, Woman's Relief corps, inspected the work of Hancock Relief corps, in their quarters in the Memorial building Tuesday afternoon and evening. In the afternoon there was inspection of the books, and, after lunch at the home of Mrs. E. Dubuque in Lincoln avenue with the local officers, she gave attention to the work of the organization. Mrs. Baker found all connected with Hancock corps in the best possible shape. In her remarks at the evening session she paid a deserved compliment to the officers and members for their efficiency.

Congressman George H. Utter of Westerly was booked to preside at the republican state convention in Providence today, but he has informed the committee that he will be unable to preside, but will be present and make a speech. Roswell B. Burchard, candidate for nomination for lieutenant governor, has been selected to preside at the convention. The three congressional conventions will be held today prior to the state convention.

**Local Laconics.**  
Henry N. Crandall and family have removed from Boston to a tenement in Main street.

Mrs. Robert Matterson of Boston is visiting her uncle, J. Herbert Champlin, in Westerly.

Miss Annette Gardiner of Providence is a guest at the home of Charles B. Coon in Elm street.

Mrs. Charles Perry of Westerly has been elected a vice president of the Rhode Island state conference of charities and correction.

Full three hundred fans assembled in front of Nash's news store, Tuesday afternoon, to watch the bulletin board report of the championship baseball game.

The flying squadron of the progressive party, composed in the main of ladies in automobiles, is scheduled to arrive in Dixon square at 2 o'clock this afternoon.

At the annual meeting of the Rhode Island Baptist Educational society, held in Providence, Rev. Joseph L. Peacock of Westerly was re-elected to membership in the board of directors.

Rev. Samuel G. Babcock, formerly of Westerly, archdeacon of the Episcopal diocese, took a prominent part in the exercises of dedicating St. Paul's church, Boston, for cathedral purposes.

The Italian societies of Westerly will observe Columbus day Saturday, with a parade in the afternoon, followed by a general glorification at Riverside park, with a pyrotechnic display in the evening.

Capt. and Mrs. Frank H. Robinson observed their silver wedding at their home in Main street, Monday evening. There were about forty guests present and all were pleasantly entertained. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson received many gifts.

At the eighty-fifth annual meeting of the Rhode Island state convention now being held in Pawtucket, Rev. Joseph L. Peacock, librarian of the Westerly public library, was a committee on reports, Rev. F. C. A. Jones, pastor of Calvary Baptist church, serves on the committee on resolutions.

The local progressives had a rally in the town hall Tuesday evening and spirited addresses were made by speakers who came from the party's state headquarters in Providence. The small hall owned by the town was given to the party rent free, and was ample to accommodate the interested listeners.

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Silver Links Society Entertained by Mrs. Charles I. Libby.

Mrs. Charles I. Libby entertained the members of the Silver Link society at her home on Pearl street Tuesday afternoon. The afternoon was spent in sewing. Refreshments were served.

The fishing boat Provincetown, Captain Beebe, is hauled out for repainting.

Ira Smith and Harold Ashbey have gone to Detroit, Mich., where they have secured employment for the winter.

Mrs. Addie Rathbun of Church street is the guest of Mrs. Harry Wheaton in Groton.

Mrs. Carrie McDonald is entertain-

ing her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Roarke, of Providence.

Mrs. C. M. Chester has returned from a visit to relatives in Maynard, Mass. Miss Gertrude Smith of Providence is visiting in town for a few days.

Capt. J. W. Potter and W. P. Latham have returned from Center Groton.

## PROGRESSIVES NOMINATE.

Ticket Made Out by the Party in North Grovesendale.

At North Grovesendale in the Sons of Veterans' hall the progressive caucus for the town of Thompson was held Tuesday evening. They nominat-

ed the following candidates: Representatives to the general assembly, William C. Arnold, Charles E. Austin; Judge of probate, George E. Crosby; Justices of the peace, Ernest C. Gustafson, Dyer S. Elliott, Randolph H. Chandler, Martin Jacobs, Thomas Ryan, Wilfred Trudell, Otto Seward, Charles E. Austin, Leon N. Walker, Edmund Cassella.

Missionary Society Entertained by Mrs. A. B. Webb.

Danielson, Oct. 8.—The Women's missionary society of the Baptist church were guests Tuesday of Mr. and Mrs. Albert B. Webb on Allen hill for the first meeting of the fall ses-

son. At the business meeting plans for the coming year were considered. The social part of the outing was very pleasing. The ladies served a dainty lunch, including salad, cake, and fruit, with some of Mr. Webb's famous watermelons as a special favor.

**DEAD TSETSE FLIES BROUGHT TO NEW YORK**

Pests of the Congo to Be Studied by American Scientists.

New York, Oct. 8.—The tsetse fly of the Congo has arrived in New York,

passing quarantine without detention at the hands of the state officials. It came in a bottle, brought here by A. H. Hile, who arrived in New York today aboard the steamship Finland. The flies were dead, preserved in alcohol, and will be offered for investigation to scientists who care to study them at close range.

**Mayor a Candidate for Representative**

Putnam, Oct. 8.—Mayor Archibald Macdonald has decided to be a candidate for nomination as representative at the republican caucus to be held this (Wednesday) evening. It was announced Tuesday night.